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C. MCCISWG-M(75)43, 201620Z OCT 75 (NOTAL)

D. JCS 1209, 281432Z OCT 75 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: GERMANY HAS OFFERED TO PREFINANCE PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF SIEMENS HARDWARE AND TO PROVIDE FREE USE OF ITS EIFEL SOFTWARE TO SATISFY REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACE CENTRAL REGION ADP PLAN. SHAPE WILL COMPARE GERMAN AND US OFFERS. OFFER TO PREFINANCE MAY GIVE GERMAN PROPOSAL TANGIBLE ADVANTAGE TO NATO OVER US/HONEYWELL WWMCCS PROPOSAL. US MIGHT OFFSET THIS ADVANTAGE BY SIMILAR OFFER TO PREFINANCE PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF HONEYWELL WWMCCS HARDWARE. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. IN REF A, JCS CLARIFIES US POSITION REGARDING LONG-TERM ADP SUPPORT IN ACE CENTRAL REGION IN EVENT NATO ACQUIRES WWMCCS-COMPATIBLE HARDWARE. (WWMCCS: WORLD-WIDE MILITARY CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM). REF B INDICATES JCS SCHEDULE FOR STAFFING THE LONG-TERM ACE CENTRAL REGION ADP PLAN.

2. REF C REPORTS ACTION TAKEN AT MCCISWG MEETING 13-17 OCT.

(MCCISWG: MILITARY COMMAND, CONTROL AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS WORKING GROUP). CHAIRMAN ADDRESSED MESSAGE VIA NATO-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM TO AIG 6007, SLUGGES FOR NATIONAL MCCISWG AND NCCDPC MEMBERS. (NCCDPC: NATO COMMAND, CONTROL AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING COMMITTEE). AT THAT MEETING, UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS, THE CHAIRMAN DISTRIBUTED A GERMAN PROPOSAL TO SATISFY REQUIREMENTS OF THE LONG-TERM ACE CENTRAL REGION ADP PLAN. PROPOSAL INCLUDES OFFER OF GERMAN SIEMENS HARDWARE, FREE USE OF GERMAN EIFEL SOFTWARE, AND AN OFFER TO PREFINANCE COSTS AND COMMENCE INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT IN JULY 1976. IN GENERAL, THE GERMAN OFFER PARALLELS THE UNSOLICITED HONEYWELL OFFER OF WWMCCS HARDWARE AND THE US OFFER MADE IN NCCDPC OF FREE USE OF WWMCCS SOFTWARE FOR THE HONEYWELL HARDWARE. FYI: SIEMENS COMPUTERS AND EIFEL SOFTWARE PROGRAMS COMPRISE THE BACKBONE OF THE GERMAN NATIONAL COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM. FROM INFO AVAILABLE HERE, WE CANNOT COMPARE IT WITH THE US WWMCCS. END FYI.

3. MCCISWG HAS REQUESTED SHAPE TO MAKE A DETAILED COMPARATIVE STUDY OF THE US AND GERMAN OFFERS, ALONG WITH ANY OTHER NATIONAL OFFERS WHICH MIGHT BE MADE. MCCISWG FURTHER REQUESTED SHAPE TO COMPLETE THIS EVALUATION BY NOVEMBER 21, 1975. ON DECEMBER 1, 1975, AN AD HOC GROUP OF NATIONAL EXPERTS CHAIRED BY DEPUTY CHAIRMAN NCCDPC (REAR ADM GARDNER) WILL CONVENE AT SHAPE TO CONSIDER SHAPE'S EVALUATION AND TO PREPARE A REPORT FOR THE JANUARY 1976 MEETING OF THE NCCDPC. THIS REPORT WILL RECOMMEND THE NEXT COURSE OF ACTION. WE NOTE JCS DESIGNATION OF MR. GOERTZEL AND LTC OLIVA AS US EXPERTS ON THIS AD HOC GROUP (REF D).

4. WITH REGARD TO THE GERMAN OFFER TO PREFINANCE HARDWARE AND INSTALLATION COSTS, WE ESTIMATE THAT PREFINANCING MIGHT ACCELERATE INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT BY AS MUCH AS THREE YEARS. WE ARE NOT SURE THAT PERSONNEL ARRANGEMENTS AND SITE PREPARATION CAN BE SIMILARLY ACCELERATED, AND WE SUGGEST THAT THESE ASPECTS BE CONSIDERED BY THE AD HOC GROUP.

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5. WE BELIEVE THAT NATO ACCEPTANCE OF THE GERMAN OFFER WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SHORT-TERM PLAN FOR INSTALLING WWMCCS-COMPATIBLE EQUIPMENT IN BOERFINK. ADOPTION OF THE GERMAN SYSTEM WOULD NECESSITATE EXTENSIVE REVISION OF US SOFTWARE AND THE PLANS FOR INSTALLATION OF WWMCCS-ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT AND COULD RESULT IN DELAY IN ACHIEVING OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY OF THE BOERFINK INSTALLATION.

6. IF, AT THE AD HOC GROUP MEETING, TIMELINESS APPEARS TO BE THE DECIDING FAVORING SELECTION OF THE GERMAN OFFER, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE US REP COULD ANNOUNCE WHETHER OR NOT THE US IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER PREFINANCING ON A LIKE SCALE.

7. REQUEST WASHINGTON GUIDANCE.BRUCE

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